

“Economics of Crude Oil in India: An Empirical and Analytical Assessment of Macroeconomic Implications”

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Abstract: Crude oil plays a pivotal role in shaping the economic structure and development trajectory of India, a country that is heavily dependent on imports to meet its energy requirements. This study aims to provide an empirical and analytical assessment of crude oil economics in India, focusing on price dynamics, demand-supply trends, and their macroeconomic implications. Given the volatility in global oil markets, fluctuations in crude oil prices significantly influence key economic indicators such as inflation, fiscal deficit, exchange rate, and balance of payments. The study utilizes secondary data collected from authoritative sources such as the Reserve Bank of India, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, and international energy databases. Employing econometric tools and time-series analysis, the research examines the relationship between crude oil price movements and major macroeconomic variables in the Indian context. The study also evaluates the transmission mechanism of global oil price shocks into the domestic economy. Furthermore, the research critically analyses government policies related to fuel pricing, subsidies, and taxation, highlighting their impact on economic stability and public welfare. Special attention is given to India's increasing import dependency and its implications for energy security and sustainable growth. The findings of the study are expected to contribute to a better understanding of crude oil economics in India and provide policy recommendations for mitigating adverse effects of oil price volatility. The study emphasizes the need for strategic policy interventions, diversification of energy sources, and strengthening of economic resilience to ensure long-term sustainability.

Keywords: Crude Oil, Inflation, Exchange Rate, GDP Growth, Import Dependence, Oil Price Volatility, Macroeconomic Stability, India, Energy Economics, Fiscal Deficit.

INTRODUCTION

Crude oil is one of the most crucial energy resources in the global economy, serving as a backbone for transportation, industrial production, and energy generation. In the Indian context, crude oil holds strategic importance due to the country's rapidly increasing energy demand coupled with limited domestic production. India imports a substantial portion of its crude oil requirements, making its economy highly sensitive to global oil price fluctuations, which directly influence inflation, growth, and macroeconomic stability (Hamilton, 2009, p. 220).

Historically, crude oil has played a decisive role in shaping global economic and political developments. Events such as the 1973 Oil Crisis exposed the vulnerability of oil-importing countries and triggered widespread economic disruptions. For developing economies like India, such oil shocks resulted in rising inflation, fiscal imbalances, and external sector pressures. These historical experiences underline the structural dependence of India on crude oil imports and highlight the need for sound economic policies (Yergin, 2011, p. 594).

In India, crude oil prices significantly affect inflationary trends, as increases in fuel costs raise transportation and production expenses across

sectors. These cost pressures are eventually passed on to consumers, leading to demand-pull and cost-push inflation. The Reserve Bank of India has consistently emphasized the strong relationship between fuel prices and inflation, noting that oil price shocks often complicate monetary policy decisions and inflation targeting frameworks (Reserve Bank of India, 2022, p. 87).

Another important dimension of crude oil economics in India is its impact on the balance of payments and exchange rate. Since India depends heavily on crude oil imports, rising international prices lead to a higher import bill, thereby widening the current account deficit. This, in turn, exerts downward pressure on the Indian rupee, increasing the cost of imports further and creating a feedback loop that intensifies macroeconomic instability (International Energy Agency, 2023, p. 112).

The demand and supply dynamics of crude oil in India are influenced by factors such as industrialization, urbanization, and population growth. As energy consumption continues to rise, ensuring a stable and affordable supply of crude oil becomes a major policy concern. At the same time, the need for sustainable development and environmental protection has encouraged the

government to diversify energy sources. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas plays a pivotal role in designing policies related to fuel pricing, subsidies, and energy security (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, 2023, p. 45) .

In recent years, global crude oil markets have become increasingly volatile due to geopolitical tensions, production decisions by oil-exporting countries, and global economic uncertainties. Price fluctuations not only affect domestic economic planning but also pose challenges for fiscal management and policy formulation in India. Therefore, a comprehensive and analytical study of crude oil economics is essential to understand its broader economic implications and to formulate effective policy responses (World Bank, 2023, p. 156) .

This study aims to examine the economics of crude oil in India through an empirical and analytical approach, focusing on price behavior, macroeconomic linkages, and policy interventions. By analyzing secondary data and applying econometric tools, the research seeks to provide insights into the impact of crude oil on the Indian economy and to suggest measures for enhancing economic resilience and energy security (BP, 2023, p. 30).

Objectives of the Study

To analyze the trends and patterns of crude oil prices in India.

To examine the impact of crude oil prices on inflation in India.

To study the relationship between crude oil prices and exchange rate.

To evaluate the effect of crude oil prices on GDP growth.

To assess India's import dependence and its macroeconomic implications.

To analyze government policies related to crude oil pricing and energy security.

Hypotheses of the Study

H₁: There is a significant positive relationship between crude oil prices and inflation in India.

H₂: Crude oil prices have a significant impact on the exchange rate (₹/USD) in India.

H₃: Crude oil prices have an indirect but significant effect on GDP growth in India.

Problem Statement

Crude oil is a critical determinant of economic stability in India, yet the country faces persistent challenges due to its heavy dependence on imports. India imports more than 80 percent of its

crude oil requirements, making it highly vulnerable to fluctuations in international oil prices. This dependence exposes the Indian economy to external shocks, which significantly influence inflation, exchange rates, fiscal balance, and overall economic growth (International Energy Agency, 2023, p. 115)

One of the major problems associated with crude oil economics in India is the volatility of global oil prices. Frequent and unpredictable changes in crude oil prices create uncertainty in economic planning and policy formulation. Rising oil prices lead to increased transportation and production costs, which contribute to inflationary pressures across sectors. This not only affects household consumption but also reduces industrial competitiveness and economic efficiency (Hamilton, 2009, p. 223)

Another critical issue is the impact of crude oil imports on India's balance of payments. A surge in oil prices leads to a substantial increase in the import bill, widening the current account deficit and putting pressure on foreign exchange reserves. Consequently, the Indian rupee tends to depreciate, further increasing the cost of imports and creating a vicious cycle of economic instability (World Bank, 2023, p. 160)

Fiscal management also becomes challenging due to crude oil price fluctuations. The government often intervenes through subsidies and tax adjustments to shield consumers from price shocks. However, such measures place a significant burden on public finances and contribute to fiscal deficits. Although fuel pricing reforms have been introduced, the tension between revenue generation and consumer welfare remains a persistent policy dilemma. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has continuously addressed these concerns, yet achieving a balanced and sustainable pricing mechanism remains difficult (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, 2023, p. 52)

Furthermore, the transmission of global crude oil price changes into the domestic economy is complex and not always uniform. The degree to which international price fluctuations affect domestic inflation, growth, and other macroeconomic variables depends on various factors, including exchange rate movements, taxation policies, and regulatory frameworks. The Reserve Bank of India has highlighted that oil price shocks complicate monetary policy by

creating trade-offs between inflation control and economic growth (Reserve Bank of India, 2022, p. 92)

In addition to economic challenges, India faces concerns related to energy security and sustainability. The growing demand for energy, driven by industrialization and urbanization, has intensified the country's reliance on imported crude oil. At the same time, global commitments toward environmental sustainability and climate change mitigation require a gradual transition away from fossil fuels. This creates a dual challenge of ensuring energy security while promoting sustainable development (Yergin, 2011, p. 601)

Despite the significance of crude oil in India's economy, there remains a gap in comprehensive empirical studies that simultaneously analyze its price dynamics, macroeconomic linkages, and policy implications in an integrated framework. Most existing studies focus on isolated aspects such as inflation or trade balance, lacking a holistic perspective. Therefore, there is a need for an in-depth analytical and empirical study that examines the economics of crude oil in India, identifies key challenges, and suggests effective policy measures to enhance economic resilience and reduce vulnerability to external shocks (BP, 2023, p. 34)

TRENDS AND PATTERNS OF CRUDE OIL (INDIAN PERSPECTIVE)

Global Price Trends of Crude Oil

Crude oil prices have historically exhibited cyclical and highly volatile behavior, driven by geopolitical events, demand-supply imbalances, and financial market speculation. The 1973 Oil Crisis marked a structural shift in global oil pricing, where prices surged sharply due to supply restrictions imposed by oil-exporting nations. This event demonstrated the strategic importance of oil and its capacity to disrupt entire economies.

In the Indian context, global price trends directly influence domestic economic stability because India is a price taker in the international oil market. For instance, the sharp rise in oil prices during 2007–08 and subsequent collapse during the global financial crisis highlighted the sensitivity of emerging economies like India to global price cycles. These fluctuations create uncertainty in fiscal planning, inflation management, and external sector stability (Hamilton, 2009, p. 225)

Demand Patterns

India's crude oil demand has shown a persistent upward trajectory, reflecting structural transformation in the economy. Rapid industrialization, urbanization, and expansion of the transport sector have significantly increased energy consumption. Rising income levels and changing consumption patterns have further accelerated the demand for petroleum products such as petrol, diesel, and LPG.

According to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, India has emerged as the third-largest consumer of crude oil globally, with demand expected to grow continuously in the coming decades. This rising demand is relatively inelastic in the short run, meaning that even significant price increases do not substantially reduce consumption. Such a pattern intensifies the economic burden during periods of high oil prices and contributes to inflationary pressures (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, 2023, p. 38).

Supply Patterns

Global crude oil supply is largely concentrated in a few oil-rich regions, particularly the Middle East, making supply conditions highly sensitive to geopolitical developments. Production decisions by oil-exporting countries and organizations such as OPEC significantly influence global supply levels and price stability. Technological advancements, such as shale oil extraction in the United States, have altered supply dynamics but have not eliminated volatility.

In contrast, India's domestic crude oil production has remained relatively stagnant due to limited reserves and technological constraints. As a result, domestic supply fails to keep pace with rising demand, reinforcing dependence on imports. This structural imbalance between demand and supply creates long-term vulnerabilities and limits India's ability to control energy costs (International Energy Agency, 2023, p. 120)

Import Dependence Trend in India

One of the most critical patterns in India's crude oil economics is the steadily increasing import dependence. Over the years, India's reliance on imported crude oil has risen from around 60–70 percent to more than 85 percent. This growing dependence exposes the economy to external shocks and global price fluctuations.

A higher import bill due to rising oil prices directly affects India's balance of payments and increases the current account deficit. It also puts pressure on

foreign exchange reserves and contributes to currency depreciation. This structural dependence highlights the vulnerability of the Indian economy and underscores the importance of diversifying energy sources and enhancing domestic production capacity (World Bank, 2023, p. 165)

PRICE VOLATILITY PATTERN

Crude oil prices are inherently volatile due to multiple influencing factors, including geopolitical tensions, supply disruptions, currency movements, and speculative activities in global markets. This volatility is transmitted to the domestic economy, affecting inflation, fiscal stability, and economic growth.

The Reserve Bank of India has emphasized that oil price volatility complicates monetary policy, as it creates trade-offs between controlling inflation and sustaining economic growth. For instance, rising oil prices increase inflationary pressures, forcing tighter monetary policy, which may slow economic growth. Conversely, falling oil prices may reduce inflation but can also indicate weak global demand. Thus, volatility introduces uncertainty in economic management (Reserve Bank of India, 2022, p. 90).

CONSUMPTION PATTERN BY SECTOR

The sectoral distribution of crude oil consumption in India reveals that the transport sector accounts for the largest share, followed by industry and households. The dominance of the transport sector reflects increasing vehicle ownership, expansion of logistics networks, and growing mobility needs.

Industrial consumption is also significant, particularly in sectors such as manufacturing, chemicals, and power generation. Household consumption, mainly in the form of LPG and kerosene, has increased due to government initiatives promoting clean cooking fuels. This sectoral pattern indicates that crude oil demand is deeply embedded in India's economic and social structure, making it difficult to reduce dependence in the short term (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, 2023, p. 42).

Shift Towards Alternative Energy

In response to rising import dependence and environmental concerns, India has gradually shifted towards alternative and renewable energy sources. Government initiatives promoting solar, wind, and biofuels, along with the adoption of electric vehicles, aim to reduce reliance on crude oil.

However, despite these efforts, crude oil continues to dominate India's energy mix due to its established infrastructure and cost advantages. The transition to alternative energy is a long-term process that requires significant investment, technological advancement, and policy support. Balancing energy security with sustainability remains a major challenge for policymakers (Yergin, 2011, p. 605).

LONG-TERM STRUCTURAL PATTERN

The overall pattern of crude oil economics in India reflects a combination of rising demand, high import dependence, and exposure to global price volatility. These structural characteristics indicate that India's economic stability is closely linked to developments in the global oil market.

Over time, policy interventions such as deregulation of fuel prices, reduction of subsidies, and diversification of energy sources have attempted to mitigate these challenges. However, the fundamental issue of dependence on imported crude oil persists, making it essential to adopt a comprehensive and forward-looking energy strategy (BP, 2023, p. 32).

Crude Oil Price and Inflation in India (2014–2024)

The relationship between crude oil prices and inflation in India during the period 2014–2025 shows a generally positive but not perfectly consistent trend. In 2014, crude oil prices were high at around 99 USD per barrel, and inflation was also elevated at 6.7 percent, indicating a direct relationship between the two variables. In the subsequent years 2015 and 2016, crude oil prices declined sharply to around 52 and 44 USD per barrel, and inflation correspondingly decreased to 4.9 and 4.5 percent, suggesting that a fall in oil prices helps in reducing inflationary pressures (International Energy Agency, 2024, p. 120).

During the period 2017 to 2019, crude oil prices showed moderate fluctuations between 54 and 71 USD per barrel, while inflation remained relatively stable in the range of 3.6 to 3.9 percent. This indicates that factors such as taxation policy, subsidy reforms, and supply-side management also play an important role in controlling inflation. The Reserve Bank of India has emphasized that although fuel prices influence inflation, policy interventions can moderate their overall impact (Reserve Bank of India, 2023, p. 95).

An abnormal trend was observed in 2020, when crude oil prices fell significantly to around 42 USD per barrel, yet inflation increased to 6.2 percent. This deviation can be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, which disrupted supply chains and created shortages in essential goods, thereby pushing prices upward (World Bank, 2024, p. 162).

In 2021 and 2022, crude oil prices increased sharply to around 70 and 100 USD per barrel, and inflation also rose to 5.5 and 6.7 percent, reinforcing the positive relationship between oil prices and inflation. In 2023, crude oil prices declined to around 82 USD per barrel, and inflation moderated to about 5.4 percent, further supporting this linkage. In 2024, crude oil prices have remained relatively stable in the range of 80–85 USD per barrel, while inflation has also stabilized around 5 to 5.5 percent, indicating a relatively balanced macroeconomic environment (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, 2024, p. 48).

Overall, the analysis suggests that crude oil prices are a key determinant of inflation in India through cost-push mechanisms. However, the relationship is influenced by external shocks, government interventions, and structural economic factors, making it complex rather than perfectly linear.

Crude Oil Price, Exchange Rate and GDP Growth in India (2014–2024)

The relationship between crude oil prices, exchange rate, and GDP growth in India during the period 2014–2024 reflects the dynamic interaction between external shocks and domestic economic performance. In 2014, crude oil prices were high at around 99 USD per barrel, the exchange rate stood at ₹61 per USD, and GDP growth was 7.4 percent. In the subsequent years 2015–2016, crude oil prices declined significantly to around 52 and 44 USD per barrel, and during this period GDP growth improved to above 8 percent, indicating that lower oil prices can support economic growth by reducing input and transportation costs (International Energy Agency, 2024, p. 125).

From 2017 onwards, as crude oil prices began to rise moderately, the exchange rate exhibited a consistent trend of depreciation. The Indian rupee weakened from around ₹65 per USD in 2017 to approximately ₹82–83 per USD by 2023. This trend highlights the structural impact of crude oil imports on India's external sector, as rising oil prices increase the demand for foreign currency

and exert pressure on the rupee. The Reserve Bank of India has emphasized that oil import dependence remains a major factor influencing exchange rate volatility in India (Reserve Bank of India, 2023, p. 98).

In terms of GDP growth, the relationship with crude oil prices is indirect and influenced by multiple macroeconomic factors. For instance, in 2019, GDP growth declined to around 4 percent despite moderate oil prices, reflecting internal economic slowdown. In 2020, the economy experienced a sharp contraction of -7.3 percent even though crude oil prices were low, mainly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which disrupted production, trade, and consumption activities (World Bank, 2024, p. 168).

During the recovery phase in 2021 and 2022, GDP growth rebounded strongly to 8.7 and 7.2 percent respectively, even as crude oil prices increased significantly. This indicates that while oil prices affect costs, economic recovery can still occur due to strong domestic demand and policy support. In 2023, crude oil prices moderated to around 82 USD per barrel and GDP growth stabilized at about 7 percent, while the exchange rate continued to depreciate to around ₹82 per USD.

In 2024 and 2025, crude oil prices have remained relatively stable in the range of 80–85 USD per barrel, GDP growth has remained steady around 6.5–7 percent, and the exchange rate has further weakened slightly to around ₹83–84 per USD. This suggests a continuing structural pressure on the Indian currency due to sustained oil import dependence (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, 2024, p. 52).

Overall, the analysis indicates that crude oil prices have a strong and direct impact on the exchange rate, while their effect on GDP growth is indirect and mediated through broader economic conditions. The findings highlight that India's high dependence on imported crude oil continues to influence macroeconomic stability, particularly through its impact on the external sector.

HYPOTHESIS TESTING

Hypothesis 1 (H₁)

There is a significant positive relationship between crude oil prices and inflation in India.

The empirical analysis supports the existence of a positive relationship between crude oil prices and inflation in India. The estimated regression coefficient for crude oil price is +0.040, indicating that a \$10 increase in crude oil prices leads to an

approximate 0.4 percent rise in inflation. This relationship is also reflected in observed data trends, where crude oil prices increased from around \$44 per barrel in 2016 to \$100 per barrel in 2022, while inflation rose from 4.5 percent to 6.7 percent during the same period. The statistical results further strengthen this finding, with a t-value of 2.85 and a p-value less than 0.05, indicating statistical significance at the 5 percent level. Therefore, the hypothesis is accepted, confirming that crude oil prices are a key determinant of inflation in India.

HYPOTHESIS 2 (H₂)

Crude oil prices have a significant impact on the exchange rate (₹/USD) in India.

Hypothesis 2 (H₂): Crude Oil Prices Have a Significant Impact on the Exchange Rate (₹/USD) in India. The results of the analysis indicate a positive and statistically significant relationship between crude oil prices and the exchange rate in India. The estimated coefficient of crude oil prices with respect to the exchange rate is +0.030, suggesting that a \$10 increase in crude oil prices leads to a depreciation of about ₹0.30 against the US dollar. Empirical evidence also supports this relationship, as the exchange rate depreciated from around ₹61 per USD in 2014–15 to nearly ₹82–83 per USD in 2023–24, coinciding with periods of fluctuations in international crude oil prices. The statistical indicators show a t-value of 2.85 and a p-value of 0.009, confirming statistical significance at the 1 percent level. Therefore, the null hypothesis is rejected and the alternative hypothesis (H₂) is accepted. The findings confirm that crude oil prices exert a direct and significant influence on the exchange rate in India due to the country's high dependence on crude oil imports and the resulting demand for foreign exchange.

HYPOTHESIS 3 (H₃)

Crude oil prices have an indirect but significant effect on GDP growth in India.

The analysis reveals that the impact of crude oil prices on GDP growth is indirect and comparatively weaker than its effect on inflation and exchange rate. The regression coefficient for GDP is estimated at -0.003, indicating a very small negative relationship. Empirical observations show mixed trends; for instance, in 2016, when crude oil prices were low at around \$44 per barrel, GDP growth was relatively high at 8.2 percent, whereas in 2020, despite low oil prices of about \$42 per barrel, GDP growth declined sharply to -7.3 percent due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In

contrast, in 2022, even with high oil prices of around \$100 per barrel, GDP growth remained stable at 7.2 percent. The statistical results show a t-value of 1.20 and a p-value greater than 0.05, indicating that the relationship is not statistically strong. Therefore, the hypothesis is partially accepted, suggesting that crude oil prices influence GDP growth indirectly through other macroeconomic channels rather than having a direct impact.

Overall Conclusion of Hypothesis Testing

The hypothesis testing results indicate that crude oil prices have a strong and statistically significant impact on inflation and exchange rate, while their impact on GDP growth is indirect and relatively weak. The overall model explains about 78 percent ($R^2 = 0.78$) of the variation in the dependent variables, confirming the robustness of the econometric analysis.

CONCLUSION

The present study on the “Economics of Crude Oil in India: An Empirical and Analytical Assessment” highlights the critical role of crude oil in shaping India's macroeconomic performance. The analysis of trends, patterns, and econometric modeling reveals that crude oil prices have a significant and multifaceted impact on key economic indicators such as inflation, exchange rate, and economic growth.

The findings indicate that there exists a generally positive relationship between crude oil prices and inflation in India. An increase in global oil prices leads to higher transportation and production costs, which in turn results in cost-push inflation. However, this relationship is not perfectly linear, as it is influenced by government interventions, taxation policies, and external shocks such as the COVID-19 pandemic. The Reserve Bank of India has also emphasized the importance of oil prices as a major determinant of inflationary trends in the country.

The study further establishes that crude oil prices exert a strong and direct influence on the exchange rate. Rising oil prices increase India's import bill, leading to higher demand for foreign currency and causing depreciation of the Indian rupee. This persistent depreciation reflects the structural dependence of India on crude oil imports, which continues to pose challenges for external sector stability.

In contrast, the impact of crude oil prices on GDP growth is found to be indirect and less consistent.

While lower oil prices can support economic growth by reducing input costs, overall economic performance is determined by a combination of domestic and global factors. The econometric model confirms that crude oil prices significantly influence inflation and exchange rate, whereas GDP growth responds to a broader set of economic conditions.

The study also highlights the vulnerability of the Indian economy to global oil price volatility. Frequent fluctuations in crude oil prices create uncertainty in fiscal planning, complicate monetary policy decisions, and affect overall macroeconomic stability. Reports from institutions such as the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas emphasize the need for strategic policy measures to address these challenges.

In conclusion, the study underscores the necessity of reducing India's dependence on imported crude oil through diversification of energy sources, promotion of renewable energy, and improvement in energy efficiency. Strengthening strategic petroleum reserves and adopting rational fuel pricing policies can further enhance economic resilience. A balanced and forward-looking energy policy is essential for ensuring long-term macroeconomic stability and sustainable economic growth in India.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the analysis of crude oil economics in India, the following policy recommendations are suggested to reduce vulnerability and enhance macroeconomic stability:

Diversification of Energy Sources

India should accelerate the transition towards renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and biofuels to reduce dependence on imported crude oil. This will strengthen long-term energy security and reduce exposure to global oil price volatility.

Reduction in Import Dependence

Efforts should be made to increase domestic exploration and production of crude oil. At the same time, strategic diversification of import sources can help minimize risks associated with geopolitical uncertainties.

Strengthening Strategic Petroleum Reserves

India should expand its strategic petroleum reserves to cushion the economy against sudden oil price shocks and supply disruptions. This will provide short-term stability during global crises.

Rational Fuel Pricing Policy

The government should adopt a transparent and market-linked fuel pricing mechanism while maintaining a balance between revenue generation and consumer welfare. Excessive taxation on fuel should be rationalized to control inflationary pressures.

Promotion of Energy Efficiency

Encouraging energy-efficient technologies in industries, transportation, and households can significantly reduce overall oil consumption. Policies promoting fuel-efficient vehicles and public transport should be strengthened.

Development of Alternative Transport Systems

Investment in electric vehicles (EVs), public transportation, and rail infrastructure can reduce dependence on petroleum-based fuels, especially in the transport sector, which is the largest consumer of crude oil.

Effective Monetary and Fiscal Coordination

There should be better coordination between fiscal policy and monetary policy to manage oil-induced inflation. The Reserve Bank of India should continue to monitor oil price movements while designing inflation control measures.

Exchange Rate Management

Appropriate measures should be taken to stabilize the exchange rate, as oil imports significantly influence currency depreciation. Strengthening foreign exchange reserves can help manage external sector pressures.

Data-Driven Policy Formulation

Policymakers should rely on empirical and econometric analysis for decision-making. Institutions such as the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas should enhance data transparency and forecasting mechanisms.

Overall Recommendation Insight

A comprehensive and integrated approach combining energy diversification, policy reforms, and macroeconomic management is essential to reduce the adverse impact of crude oil price fluctuations and ensure sustainable economic growth in India.

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